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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Third Place award: *Cat-Can-Do*
Second Place award: *Lady in Red*
First Place award: *Soirée*

See you in a week or so for 1-5-7-4-2-1 on March 8th. It's the first trophy race of the year, and only costs \$10. If you haven't signed up for the racing practical exercises on the 6th, it's not too late!

See you on the water.

Racing Director,
Jack

Members' News

Happy April Birthdays

Peter Amos	4/2
Rob Musgrove	4/3
Emery Les	4/4
Rick Grammer	4/7
Laura Murphy	4/8
Peter Wierzbicki	4/10
Francene Barnett	4/11
Gladys Lerman	4/12
Bill Piper	4/18
Merci Lopez	4/18
Robbie Sloan	4/18
Wayne Brown	4/18
Valery Strauss	4/19
Betty Roberts	4/25
Larry Thomas	4/26
Ron Martinsen	4/30

Happy April Anniversaries

Ken & Arlene Richardson 4/21
Peter & Rose Amos 4/24
Ralph & Donna Ray 4/29

Welcome Back (not in 2008 Directory)

AMOS Peter & Rose

11749 Wayside Willow Court
Hudson, FL 34667
861-3827, cell 767-457-9783
"Windancer" 26' AMF Paceship 1980
pamosr@aol.com

BECK, Tom

EAGLY, Roberta
13201 Moose Lane
Hudson, FL 34669
862-7410

"Bullfrog" 24' Kiwi

GOODWIN, Dana & Janie

13510 Garris Drive
Hudson, FL 34667
869-3566, cell 727-992-3936
"Seas the Day" 23' Stamas 1987
janieg@tampabay.rr.com

General Meeting Minutes

Opening

The regular meeting of the Hudson Beach Yacht Club was called to order at 7:30 on March 8, 2008 by Commodore Gene Michaux.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Reports

Vice Commodore, Paul Kendrick, spoke about float plans, which would also be useful for day sailing. There will be a float plan on file on the HBYC website.

Paul said we need three volunteer power boaters for the upcoming race.

If you need a boat ride to Caledesi for the overnight or cookout, call Paul.

Mary Knowles, Purser gave the Purser report, balance on hand January 27, 2008, \$4406.00; Income \$784.00; Expenses \$509.37; Balance on Hand, February 25, 2008 \$4680.63.

Mary also said we had 63 members show up for the February breakfast on the beach.

Yeoman, Mary Del Mar, read a thank-you card from the United Methodist Women to Digna Kelly. Digna did a talk on Women at the Helm and the group presented her with \$50.00, which Digna would like to be used for a trophy for the "Women at the Helm Race this year.

Madeline Woodman, Membership, said we have many birthdays this month and asked them to stand and be recognized. She said that the directories were in and could be picked up. Also Madelaine has brochures for members to pass along to prospective members.

Cheryl Dering, Social, reminded all that breakfast on the beach is March 16, at 9:00 and the price is \$3.00 if you have signed up, and \$4.00 if you just show up.

Jim Glessner, Cruising, gave an update on the March 29th cruise to Calladesi, there will be a cookout at 1:00, all are welcome by land or sea. See Marker 2 for details. Jim also said members need to reserve slips if they plan on spending the night. He will be there Thursday and will reserve slips if you let him know. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided for the cookout, bring a dish to share. Jim said there would be prizes given at the outing for largest fish and most unusual shell.

Fred Dunlop, Quartermaster, talked about some of the equipment available to HBYC members.

Tom Sperry thanked all the HBYC members who have been so kind to him and Jane after losing their son. Tom donated a fuel line cleaner to the club. He only asks if you use the equipment to replace the filter.

Enters the Rat Patrol.

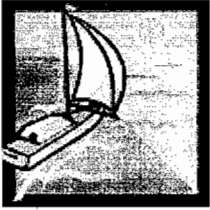
Commodore Gene called a 5 minute break for refreshments.

Dave Zimmer, Website, Dave reminded members about the float plans and how to access it on the website. Dave also talked about the Treasure Hunt coming in April.

Mary Reed, Marker 2, said if you have anything to go into the Marker2 email her by Friday the 7th, and she needs board reports by then.

Ralph Ray, Finance and HBYC Products, talked about the possibility of introducing new products, if the demand is there.

Linda Baker, Public Relation, talked about the article that appeared in the Laker newspaper about the last race, which featured Chris and George Michaux.



REMINDER! REMINDER!

Caladesi Cruise!

So far, 15 boats have signed up to join us for the cruise to Caladesi. At last count, 38 club members are planning to attend the BBQ on Saturday, March 29, starting at 1 p.m. The club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and soft drinks. Please bring a dish to share with everyone. Enter the competition to win a prize for the BIGGEST fish caught on/around Caladesi and the MOST UNUSUAL seashell found on the beach.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!! It's not too late! Call Jim at (727) 862-4039 to sign up. For more information, visit HBYC's website at myhbyc.com or call me at (727) 862-4039.

Your Cruise Director
Jim Glessner

Below are the tide charts for Hudson Creek and Dunedin to help you with your trip planning.

Hudson, Hudson Creek

28° 21.7' N 82° 42.6' W

Wed, Mar 26, 2008	H: 7:30 AM 3.7 ft.	L: 12:29 PM 2.0 ft.	H: 6:38 PM 4.7 ft	L: 1:26 AM 0.8 ft.
Thursday, Mar 27, 2008	H: 8:15 AM 3.4 ft	L: 12:58 PM 2.2 ft.	H: 7:10 PM 4.6 f	
Friday, Mar 28, 2008	L: 2:12 AM 1.0 ft	H: 9:14 AM 3.2 ft.	L: 1:32 PM 2.4 ft	H: 7:51 PM 4.4 ft.
Saturday, Mar 29, 2008	L: 3:11 AM 1.2 ft.	H: 10:41 AM 3.0 ft	L: 2:23 PM 2.7 ft.	H: 8:48 PM 4.2 f
Sunday, Mar 30, 2008	L: 4:32 AM 1.3 ft.	H: 12:27 PM 3.1 ft	L: 4:01 PM 2.8	H: 10:15 PM 4.0 ft.

Dunedin, St. Joseph Sound

28° 01' N 82° 48' W

Wednesday, Mar 26, 2008	H: 7:58 AM 3.5 ft.	L: 1:12 PM 1.9 ft.	H: 7:06 PM 4.5 ft.	L: 2:09 AM 0.7 ft.
Thursday, Mar 27, 2008	H: 8:43 AM 3.2 ft.	L: 1:41 PM 2.1 ft.	H: 7:38 PM 4.4 ft.	
Friday, Mar 28, 2008	L: 2:55 AM 0.9 ft.	H: 9:42 AM 3.0 ft.	L: 2:15 PM 2.3 ft.	H: 8:19 PM 4.2 ft.
Saturday, Mar 29, 2008	L: 3:54 AM 1.1 ft.	H: 11:09 AM 2.8 ft.	L: 3:06 PM 2.6 ft.	H: 9:16 PM 4.0 ft.
Sunday, Mar 30, 2008	L: 5:15 AM 1.2 ft.	H: 12:55 PM 2.9 ft.	L: 4:44 PM 2.7 ft.	H: 10:43 PM 3.8 ft.

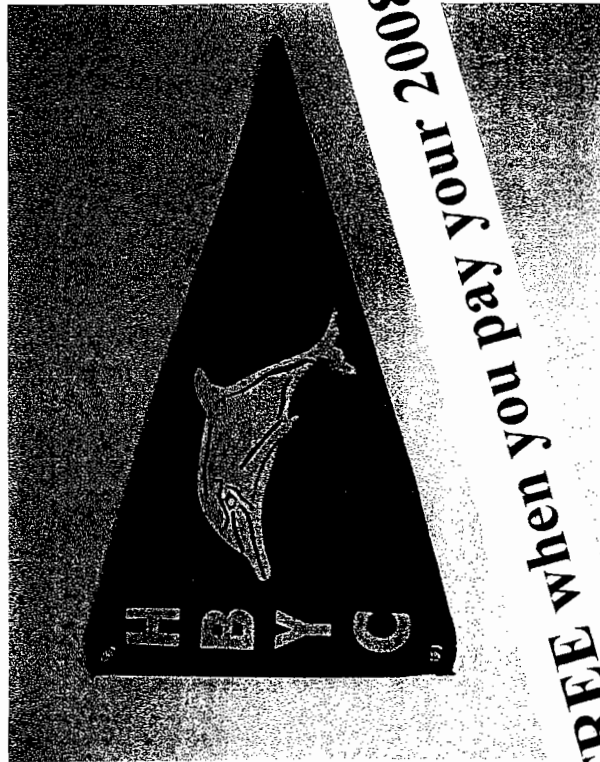
April Fun Race Details

April 5th is the date for the next fun race, and it promises to be a beautiful day to race. The course is **1-6-4-2-1** and will most likely be a twice-around unless the wind is pretty calm. Plan on throwing a lunch and a couple of Cokes in the cooler and come out and race. Captain's meeting at 0900 and racing scheduled to start at 1130, tides permitting.

See you there!

Jack

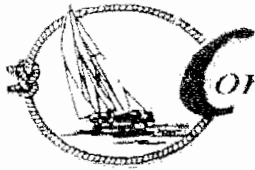
HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB



Get this **FREE** when you pay your 2008 membership dues!

2008 CALENDAR and TIDE CHARTS

Something for everyone!



Commodore's Corner

Dear Members,

What do you mean it's gonna be daylight savings time this weekend. Winter time barely got started and it's already time for summer? Did the government do this for my own good??

Thought so.

Well things in the club are moving right along with over 60 hungry souls participating in the February breakfast on the beach. Just proves my theory where there's delicious food at a bargain price, there will be great participation. Thank you Social Committee for another job well done. I heard a rumor that the Race Director is offering the captain and crew a FREE Surf and Turf dinner to any boat that can beat "Soiree" in the next race. Can't wait!!

We have had two great races already this year with participation building as many boats get new "Bottom Jobs" and the necessary maintenance to keep them safe. The new "race by numbers" system is being well accepted and provides for some very unique courses. You don't need to be a veteran racer to participate and the venue stresses **fun and safety**. Contact the Race Director for details.

The power boaters have been doing a great job of monitoring race corners and just having a good time on the water yelling instructions to the sail boats. Thank you all for your support. I know you are still puzzled why anyone would own a sail boat and could have such a great time going so slow!

We have had another news paper article written about the last Fun Race. The reporter was on "Lady In Red" for the race and the publicity is welcome. We may not have 100 members yet but the one's we have, have proven they are ready to contribute and participate in the clubs activities.

There have been several informative boating classes already conducted this year with a fantastic turn out. Laurels school has a capacity enrollment and is nearing its completion. John and Rays program was more race oriented but also stressed safe boating and was extremely well attended. This schooling is developed and taught **BUY OUR MEMBERS**, for our members, and I would like to thank them for not only their precious time but for their total dedication to the skills and knowledge required to boat safely and responsibly.

We are trying some new and different ideas to make the general meetings more enjoyable and not drawn out. So if you haven't attended for a while ask someone who has or come to the next meeting and judge for yourself.

I was proud to be part of the RAT PATROL but I'm not sure there's a very secure future in the offering. Oh well. Glad we didn't get shot back.

March looks like another fun packed month with the Spring Fling Race, Breakfast on the Beach, 16th, and the Caladesi Cookout Cruise, 29th (see cruise directors report for extensive details).

Look for the NEW and IMPROVED Burgees coming soon to your friendly merchandise chairman. If you purchase one you will be considered instantly COOL! Keep an eye out for the first addition of the official HBYC cozies. These are a must since you cannot even **open** a soda or beer without one.

Enough for now. My wife says were out of dishes and it sure would be nice if I washed some.

Gene

Racing News

February Race Report

I don't know if I'm cut out for this kind of pressure. February's race was another contest where, after an hour and twenty minutes of racing, a mere 45 seconds separated the first and second places. It's enough to drive a person to drink...

The captain's meeting was a short and sweet affair dedicated to weather forecasting. Yours truly thought that the front would blow through in time, and he was lucky enough to guess correctly. Race time would find us with ample wind and nine boats ready to rumble under a partly cloudy sky. On the course for the second race of the season were *Inspiration*, *Foxy*, *Can-can-do*, *Time 2 Cruise*, *Lady in Red*, *Grafz*, *Callystos*, *Voyager III*, and *Soirée*. Present to officiate, and break up any fistfights, were *Forever Young II*, *Tropical Intrusion*, *Happ's No Name Boat*, and *Papa Kilo*. We were very fortunate to have several committee boats volunteered to help. In fact, there were enough to have a boat at every turn of the 1-6-5-4-1 course. Then the plot began to thicken.

The plan was for the boats waiting at the turns to be inside the course just opposite the marker buoys. Racers had sailed to within a quarter-mile of the first turn and the committee boat was there, but no buoy was visible. The radio channel was abuzz with speculation as to what the rules would have to say about the missing buoys and the approaching racers. Just then, the Vice Commodore made his appearance on the scene, and the resulting parade reminded me of fending off bucket calves back on the farm. Here was *Papa Kilo* with orange buoys in the back of the boat, and sailboats following him like they were needing fed. Just to keep it interesting, after placing the first marker, Vice Com just kept ambling on towards the next turn with *Cat-can-do* in hot pursuit. (It made me think of *Calf-can-do* but I'm kinda twisted like that.) David swears he would have been much faster if he hadn't had to wait on the turn markers.

But they were here to race, and race they did. The racing seminars held by John and Ray were beginning to bear fruit in that there were boats actually sailing next to each other and not fearing for their lives. *Lady in Red* was carrying a complete family reunion along with a newspaper reporter and a winch grinder, so they had to be on their best behavior. Best behavior meant that they couldn't curse and throw things when *Soirée* baited them with the Burgee de PP, and it also meant that they couldn't ram her with witnesses on board. Both boats sailed side by side, politely discussing the rules of right of way as they headed for the finish line...behind *Cat-can-do*. The rest of the field had judiciously decided to fight their own battles and stay out of the way as these two jostled for position ahead of the final turn. The wind had died considerably, so it wasn't the fast action of a slide into home plate, but rather the much slower pace of old folks softball. As a side note, the Commodore noted that he had some ideas for new sails for *Lady in Red*, if he could get Chrissie to go along with it. All made it in safely, and vacated the course for a cold iced tea and victuals at Martin Manor.

If you haven't already, please take a minute to thank *Forever Young II*, *Tropical Intrusion*, *Happ's No Name*, and *Papa Kilo* for their tireless work on the race course. This event wouldn't be much fun without their efforts and oversight.

First Race award: *Voyager III*

Jack Kuhlmann, Racing, showed pictures of the February Fun Race and past out awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Congratulations to all! The next race will be the Spring Fling Race March 8th.
John Cover talked about the safety course and said there will be a practice for the race this week out on the water. Contact John with questions.

Old Business

Laurel Nash will be taking her students from sailing classes out on the water Wednesday.

Gene Michaux talked about his ongoing quest for more information about the Hudson Beach water closures. More to come on that later, as information comes in.

The secret question, "What is the Rhum Line"? Four winners, congratulations. Bonus question, "What is the difference between True and Magnetic North"?

New Business:

Commodore, Gene Michaux talked about getting our boats inspected. If interested call Ernie and Edna. They will come to your boat.

Gene has also been looking into purchasing new burgees. They are tacked not stenciled, will last longer, any cost around \$24.00 each.

Time for the 50/50 drawing, one winner was drawn, receiving \$65.00.

Congratulations!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 Minutes submitted by: Mary Del Mar, Yeoman

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New hatch cover and air directional grill for Carry-on air conditioner \$30 OBO. Used electric windlass (12 v). Brand: Power Winch \$100 OBO. Call or e-mail Les Emery @ 727-992-6441, lae1945@tampabay.rr.com

FOR SALE: 27/2 ComPac 1988 sailboat, 3'5" draft. Great condition, Tambark Sails, (rf), 12 hp Universal diesel (less than 75 original hrs). New bimini, cushions, compass, radio. 2nd owner, MI +FL, slip available (Hudson) \$23,900 OBO, call Gene Prine at 727-773-1517

Marker 2 e-mail

Submissions to the "Marker 2" editor via e-mail :

hbycmarker2@earthlink.net

NEXT GENERAL Meeting will be Tuesday, APRIL 1ST.
NO FOOLING!

7:30 PM at Signal Cove Club House.

The next **board** meeting will be Tuesday, March 25 at Jack's at 7PM

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David Zimmer is the 2007 webmaster. Phone: 727-856-0123 (home) and 727-638-2346 (cell).

Email: zimmerwd@yahoo.com

Dry Sailors

WHO? Any HBYC member, family or friend.

WHY? To watch the sunset, meet friends and talk about boats.

WHEN? Every Monday, weather permitting, one hour before sunset.

WHERE? At the Hudson Beach south pavilion. So now you know. Come on down!

NOTICE

If you change your address, email address or telephone number, please let me know.

863-9097. mwoodma1@tampabay.rr.com

Thank you, Madelaine

The April breakfast on the beach will be on the 13th. It will be a continental breakfast with bagels, muffins, fruit, and yogurt! As always hot coffee and juice

will be served. Donna and I are trying to arrange for beautiful weather and a dolphin show! Hope to see you there.

Cheryl and Donna

Quartermaster

At the March meeting the club received a significant equipment gift . Tom Sperry donated a self-contained fuel polishing unit. This unit is available for use by club members for the cost of filter replacement, about \$28. Professional cleaning services can run \$300-\$400. Thanks to Tom the savings for a do it yourself club member is tremendous.

Quartermaster, *Fred*

Hudson Beach Yacht Club

is Welcomed to

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DINNER/DANCE

March 15th @ 6pm

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who made February's Breakfast on the Beach the biggest ever!

March's Breakfast on the beach will be held on the 16th at 0900. This month we will be having Jane Sperry's famous BISQUITS AND GRAVY along with bacon and eggs and all the trimmings. Many thanks to all our committee members, who without them, we would be up the creek without a paddle.

**If you haven't signed up, please
call Donna Murray at 727 267 1466
by March 12th, 2008.**

Fair winds and warm weather hopefully,

Cheryl and Donna

Happy Easter!

Safe travels! Good health!

HAPPY SPRING!





Understand sound signals.

At least five or more short blasts on the whistle or other sound signaling device is the "danger" signal.

Stay clear of vessels
sounding the
"DANGER"
signal.

Paul

Vice Commodore



Post Office Box 6152
Hudson, FL 34674-6152

Gene Michaux, Commodore

*Meets the first Tuesday of each
month at 7:30 pm at the
Signal Cove Clubhouse,
13139 Tiller Drive,
Hudson, FL 34667*

Sailors and powerboaters with or without boats are welcome!

